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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the second full paragraph beginning on page 15 at line 17, as follows:

In another embodiment, the TPV blend consists essentially of a vulcanizate of isobutyl or EPR or EPDM rubber and a poly(lower)monoolefin, in which blend at least 10 phr, preferably 20 phr, and most preferably all of a mineral oil conventionally used to render the TPV processable, is substituted with polyisobutene oil. A preferred commercially available TPV is a partially or fully crosslinked dynamic vulcanizate of 60-85 phr ethylene-propylene-diene rubber and correspondingly, 40-15 phr polypropylene which TPV is not hydrogenated. Such a starting TPV is chosen with a hardness in the range from Shore A 30 to 100 so that upon melt-blending with polyisobutene and, optionally additional polyethylene or polypropylene, the product has the desired hardness and oxygen permeability. The amount of polyisobutene used is sufficient to provide a blended-TPV hardness in the preferred range from Shore A 50 up to 85; preferably the liquid polyisobutene oil has Mn in the range from about 2000 to 6000. Most preferably, the TPV has a tensile at 100% elongation in the range from about 1 to 5 MPa, and is blended with a liquid polyisobutene having the aforementioned limitations.